



July 2007 Newsletter



21st CCLC grantees announced

Congratulations to the newly announced grantees of the 2007 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grants! 21st CCLC is the only federal funding stream devoted to afterschool programs. Currently up for reauthorization in Congress, 21st CCLC funds are divided among states based on Title I eligibility. Iowa receives the minimum amount of state funds available—about \$4.9 million per year. Typically seen as “seed” funds, 21st CCLC grants are given for five years, with reductions in funds in years 4 and 5.

The organizations receiving funds, their level of funding, and the number of sites funded through this year’s grant are:

- Storm Lake Community School District; \$146,813; one site
- Davenport Community School District; \$404,956; four sites
- Perry Community School District; \$150,000; one site
- Des Moines Community School District; \$600,000; four sites
- Siouxland Human Investment Partnership; \$414,842; three sites

With these new grants, the program will fund a total of 53 centers across the state that will serve approximately 5,216 Iowa children and 2,851 adult family members. The Iowa Department of Education has administered the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program for five years.

State Afterschool grant applications due July 20

The Department of Education’s Request for Proposals for before and after school programs and supplemental strategies and educational services grants must be postmarked by 4:30pm on Friday, July 20th. Proposals will be read and scored on August 1st and 2nd.

Iowa AmeriCorps State of Promise seeks host programs

The Iowa AmeriCorps State of Promise (IASOP) Program is a unique partnership between AmeriCorps and Iowa’s Promise. The vision of Iowa’s Promise is that “All Iowa youth have safe and supportive families, schools and communities and that they are healthy, socially competent, successful in school and prepared for a productive adulthood.” Requests to serve as a host site are due July 27th.

The AmeriCorps members of this initiative will lead efforts to recruit and mobilize volunteers for a variety of educational activities and programs, coordinate community youth leadership initiatives, develop new partnerships between private organizations and youth-serving programs, build community capacity, educate communities on Iowa’s Promise and design and develop community service

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance (IAA) Newsletter is a monthly venue of information and updates on afterschool programs and policies. For more information, please contact Rachel Scott at rscott@sppg.com or 515-243-2000.

projects. The foci of those members are on providing at least two of the Five Promises of Iowa's Promise to the youth of their local community. For more information, visit www.icyd.org and click on [News: Grant News](#).

IAA Awarded Before and Afterschool Program Coordination Contract

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance is pleased to announce that it was the successful bidder for the Department of Education's Before and Afterschool Program Coordination contract. This contract is based upon legislative language that accompanied the \$900,000 in afterschool competitive grants from this year's General Assembly.

Supporting Student Success Grant Awarded to Iowa

Iowa is one of six states awarded a Supporting Student Success (S3) grant. The intent of the 18 month grant, offered by a consortium of the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Governors Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures, is to create State Leadership Teams and assist them in planning an infrastructure for afterschool within states' education agencies. Iowa has proposed multi-agency engagement in this effort that will result in a plan to expand the availability of programs to serve middle and high school youth. The team will also explore ways policy can support programs for older youth in helping to close the student achievement gap, specifically for minority and low-income students, and will consider sustainable statewide funding strategies for afterschool.

The State Leadership Team attended a series of site visits in Boston and received technical assistance from national experts this month. A second visit to California is planned for this fall. (California appropriated \$550 million for afterschool programming last year.)

The State Leadership Team is seeking high-quality programs that serve middle and high school-age youth for Iowa-based site visits—they need not necessarily be school-based programs. Please contact Rachel Scott (rscott@sppg.com or 515-237-0326) to nominate a program.

Did you know that 34% of Child Care Assistance funds expended in Iowa are for school-age programs?

Comments Provided on Child Care Development Fund Plan

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance provided comments to the Iowa Department of Human Services on the Draft 2007-2008 State Child Care Development Fund Plan. These include a request to increase provider reimbursement, a request to increase professional development resources and training funds for school age providers, expansion of eligibility for Child Care Assistance (including addressing the current age limitation of 12), and expanding collaboration between DHS child care standards and the Department of Education's K-12 standards.

Register now for Afterschool Transformation Conference!

Registration has begun for the ***Afterschool Transformation: Results for Kids Through High Quality Programs Conference***. This Conference will provide the opportunity to learn about the latest in afterschool curriculum and activities, relationship-building, program administration, health and wellness, and more! The Conference will be held September 28-29, 2007 in Des Moines.

ISACA Members: If you are currently a member of the Iowa School Age Care Alliance, Click [Here](#) to receive your registration discount.

Non-ISACA Members: If you are not a a member of the Iowa School Age Care Alliance, Click [Here](#).

Not a member of the Iowa School Age Care Alliance?

The Iowa School Age Care Alliance is a membership organization dedicated to the development, education, and care of children and youth during their out-of-school hours. ISACA promotes standards of quality school-age care and provides opportunities for collaboration and professional development. For more information on ISACA, or to receive a membership form, please contact Leslie Glenn, ISACA President at leslieglenn@msn.com.

Suggested Hotel Accommodations:

Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel

1800 50th St.
West Des Moines, IA 50266
(515)223-1800

Courtyard by Marriott Des Moines West/Clive

1520 NW 114th St.
Clive, IA 50325
(515)225-1222

Please contact Mary Ann Lee at mlee@sppg.com or 515-243-2000 with any questions.

Afterschool For All Iowa: Project 2010 Iowa Website

Please take a moment to visit the ***Afterschool for All Iowa: Project 2010*** website at: http://www.afterschool2010.org/join_IA.cfm. *Afterschool for All Iowa: Project 2010* is a partnership between the **Iowa Afterschool Alliance** and the Afterschool Alliance to bring together all Iowa residents who believe that young people deserve positive, enriching opportunities after school and in the summer. The strength of this important national effort lies in the diversity and number of partners, among them governors, mayors, police chiefs, prosecutors, educators, policymakers, youth advocates, faith-based organizations, corporate leaders, afterschool providers, and others. Please encourage members of your communities to sign on in support of Afterschool for All!